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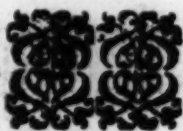
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Together with the opinion of his Officers concerning his repaire backe to *Scarborough*.



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Severall Letters.

Sir, I received by a letter I received from Mr. *Hynde*, who dividing
of my Forces from the rest of the Army, is by the House of
Commons thought to be very prejudiciall to the service of the Kingdom,
as that this place is conceived not to be very useful. The former of
which particulars I toucheth so much upon my discretion and
now, as for my justification I must crave your favour in presenting
this inclosed to the House, containing my whole deponentment since I
came hither, which if it prove to my justification, I shall humbly
crave the same to be put upon us, if otherwise, that I may be called to
answer to any particular may be objected to me, and to live according
to my deserts: for if I have failed in my duty, I am unworthy to be
employ'd longer in publick service: if not, I trust they will not think
it reasonable I should lye under so heavy a censur. I hope my return-
ing to Scarborough will appear to be a punishment enough, and to
discharge the trust upon me; and that my not obeying my Lord's
Orders, can be no great crime, since I protest I did not then, nor
of a good time ago, know the power he had over us: for I should
not have so much have complied, in respect his command had been of
security to me for any inconvenience which might have happened:
nor can I remember I ever dissented from what he propounded, in
giving this last, to cast my selfe and Fortes into the West Riding for
remote from my charge. For those severall orders mentioned in the
printed papers, to which it is said, I found such impediments, I could
not obey them, had but the times beene mentioned, or copies of
them produced, I could have answered; and till then I must put them
in ballance with the seven hundred men (is said in print too) that I
retreated with to Scarborough. Sir, if the affaires of this County
are not in so good a condition as a few weeks agoe there was hopes
for, I humbly beseech the House, the blame may not be (as it seemes
some would have it) wholly imputed to my neglect: For to speake
plainly and clearly, I thinke it proceeds from this cause, that we drew
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not neere to the Citie of Yorke, and made some attempt upon it,
(wherein I shall make my forwardnesse manifest) and if wee had
not prevailed before my Lord of Newcastle's approach neere us, yet
we had been united in a body to have opposed him. For the other
part touching this Citie, I offer the opinion of all my Captaines,
which is that modestly that it may bee considered how farr it may bee
usefull, and that I would thereby make advantage to continue this
Government: For since I am so unfortunate, as the care of the place
makes my actions subject to misconstruction, and that I am so little
usefull upon, as there is neither course taken for supply of money or
ammunition, nor that I can receive commission or instruction for my
better direction, I shall most humbly beseech the House to discharge
me of this trust. And however I have erred, I have not failed in my
pains and faithfullnesse since I came hither. Nor as I did not seeke
the employment, so was I not drawn into action by private ends, but
out of desire to contribute my poore endeavours to the settling the
truth of the Gospel, liberty of the Subject, and peace of the King-
dome, which I shall with good heartily pray for, and that with as much
honour as possibly may be to his Majesty. For if there be not a good
understanding between him and his Parliament shortly, so that those
unhappily distractions may be composed, to my judgement the King-
dome had danger to bee ruined. I shall not need further to relate
how affaires stand herein respect the bearer my Lieutenant Colonel,
can informe in every particular, and therefore will only add my de-
sire to be shortly effected, as I shall ever approve my selfe, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,
H. Cholmely.

~~Another Letter~~
I, before my coming to Scarborough, or that I could draw
any considerable forces hither, a great part of my Regiment
was disbanded, and this place being at an out Angle, I did not
without difficulty in three weekes draw together foure hundred
men, and being much importuned by Sir John Hotham to march
towards Yorke, I acquainted my Captaines with it, who joyntly

presented their opinions and advice in writing to dissuade me in
respect of the weake condition I should leave his Highnes hand and
strength of the enemy at Yorke, who was then reported two
thousand: Yet conceiving my advancing into the Countrey would
be much for the service of the publicke, leaving daily one hundred
and twelve men or thereupon in the Castle, I marched from hence
with under three hundred foot, and quartered at Stamford bridge
within five miles of Yorke: then two hundred and twenty men more
came to me from Sir John Hotham, and these with two troopes of
horse was my whole strength, and with them, as I was desired, I en-
deavoured to cut off all supply from the City, but finding an imposs-
bilitie to doe it at that distance we were, I moved both my Lord
Fairfax and Sir John Hotham that we might quarter our selves within
the Suburbs of the City, and having as I thought by a letter I writ to
my Lord Major set the mindes of many of the Citizers not to en-
dure a siege, I resolved my selfe, though none joyned with me to
fall upon some part of the Suburbs, and for that purpose sent for
great Ordnance to Scarborough, and when she was within two miles
of my quarters at Stamford bridge, I was forced to send her backe
again, in respect I received a letter from Sir Christopher Wray, Cap-
taine Hotham and Captain Hatcher that they were advanced towards
the Teas, to stop the Earl of Newcastle's passage into Yorkshyre, and
desired me to march up to them, which as I was preparing to doe,
comes another letter from them for my stay, where I was at Bridg-
till I heard further from them, and though perhaps they after writ
some letters which came not to my hands, yet upon the first from my
Lord Fairfax desiring my march to Thirske, the next morning I
broke up in quarters, and marched to Malton, where I met Colonell
Boymon, who being commanded to march two dayes before me, was
recreated thither, in respect the enemy advanced so fast, he could not
come to joine with Captaine Hotham, and thither to Malton my
Lord Fairfax writ to Colonell Boymon, and my selfe, that we would
march backe into the East, and by passing some Fennes come up to
his quarters at Tadcaster, which I professe I was resolved to doe, but
I found all my Captains of a contrary opinion, and to dissuade me

from that charge, and then I began more seriously to thinke of the business, and resolved it was fit for me to repaire to Scarborough with some forces for those reasons: First, my order was to repaire with my Regiment to Scarborough, and principally to secure the Castle and Towne, and to continue or remove from time to time, as I should receive directions and order from the Parliament, the Lord Generall, or Committee for the safety of the Kingdome. Secondly, I had left the Castle with a weake garrison, ill fortified, not a Platorme or Ordnance mounted within the walls, unvictualled, ill provided with ammunition, there being but eleven barrells of powder. Thirdly, though I was willing to march to any place to oppose the enemies passage into the Countrey, or to give him battell, and bring the business to an issue, yet I thought it not fit to be cast into a part of the Countrey where I might not upon any occasion resort to my charge, nor was there any certainty, if the enemy once got into Yorke when we should encounter with him. Fourthly, when I marched from Scarborough I left no enemy at my backe, my party was masters of the field, I could resort to my charge upon every occasion, the case was now otherwise, should I have gone with my forces as was desired into the West, I should have left a powerfull enemy behinde, that might have marched hither without opposition, and as my Captains conceived might have taken the Castle without much difficulty in the condition it then was. Fifthly, my march from Scarborough was against the consent and opinion of my Captaines, and though I had craved the Committees approbation for my doing so, and their further directions, I could never obtaine it: so that having marched from thence against my Captains consent, & not to retire when they conceived it of such necessity, I thought it would be interpreted beyond the bounds of my order or discretion, and not futing with the discharge of the trust imposed on me. Sixthly, I had not money to pay those forces with me a weeke, nor had left for the garrison much longer. So for these reasons I thought fit, and resolved to repaire to Scarborough with some forces, which were under three hundred foot, and forty horse, yet had I such care as well in respect of the publicke, as to satisfie my Lord Fairfax his desires, I declared mine
opinion

opinion it was his for Colonell *Beynon* to march with all his forces
to my Lord *Fairfax*, and he being very ready, and resolved to do so,
I designed Captaine *Arden*, and Captaine *Abraham* whoes which
were with me, with the two hundred and twenty foote sent me from
Sir *John Horbark* to march with him; and in respect we were informed
the enemy had drawne some forces on the other side of the river of
Darwent, opposite to where Colonell *Beynon* was to quarter the first
night, I did lend my carriages, and the foot being in number as I said
under three hundred, from Malton the direct way to Scarborough,
but my selfe with my forty horse, marched the first day along
with Colonell *Beynon*, and then apprehending there would
bee no great danger betweene that place and the Ferry whither
they were directed, I marched the next day to Scarborough, which
I thinke was so far from a disservice, as it was advantagious in these
particulars, I strengthened the garrison, I brought a supply of as
many battrells of powder as I had left in the Magazine, as likewise
two peeces of small Ordnance, of which there was great need at the
Castle. I have fortified the place in much better manner then it was:
And lastly, by returning thither I got a supply of money from the
adjacent parts, without which, we could not have subsisted till this
time, and though by these reasons I was induced to retreat, it was
not with an intention to immure my selfe in the Castle, but resolved as
soone as I had fortified the same, and left it in better security to march
to my Lord *Fairfax* with my troope, and such a number as could
be spared from the Castle, and might be mounted for Dragoones,
which I had performed before this, but that I was drawne another
way by commands from the Lord *Fairfax*.

Now this resolution being duly considered, I hope it will not ap-
peare I have been remisse in performing my duty to the publicke, or
the service and trust committed to me, nor yet that the Lord *Fairfax*
in the managing of his affaires, could receive much prejudice by my
retreat, considering how few I draw with me, except the presence of
my own person should be more comfortable then my merit, or the
printed paper makes me.

H. Cholmley.

IT being propounded unto us by our Colonell Sir Hugh Cholmeley to declare our opinions touching the proposition for our marching from Malton to Tarras, by the way of the River Foss, and considering that the Castle of Scarborough is situate within reach of Cannon, unfortified, unprovided of ammunition or victuals. And as the place seemes to our judgements to be of great importance, so we had reason to thinke the enemy had a speciall eye towards it. That if all our forces should have beene drawne so remote from Scarborough, the enemy might have advanced thither without opposition, and have beene master of the towne and place without any great difficulty. And therefore we gave our opinions and advices, that it was fit & requisite our Colonell should retreat to Scarborough with three hundred foot which was all the forces belonging to that Regiment, except the souldiers who were in the Castle, to fortifie and secure the place better then it was at that present, or else we conceived he could not discharge the trust that was reposed in him: And for the strength of the Castle, we conceive, the same being well fortified, and victualled, that a Garrison of three hundred men will be able to defend it, against any force that can come to oppose it.

And we do further conceive, the same to be a place of very great consequence, for these reasons:

1. He who is Commander of the Castle hath a great power over the adjacent parts of this Countrey.

2. Considering our affaires now stand, it is the only Port, to Land men or ammunition to supply the enemy, and that if the enemy were possess'd thereof, it lies so opposite to Holland, or Denmarke, that he might take opportunitie to send men or provisions from thence hither in despite of any Navy upon the Sea.

3. That from this place, Ordnance or Carriages may passe in the depth of winter to York without difficulty, which cannot be done from Newcastle both in respect of the distance and illness of the wayes.

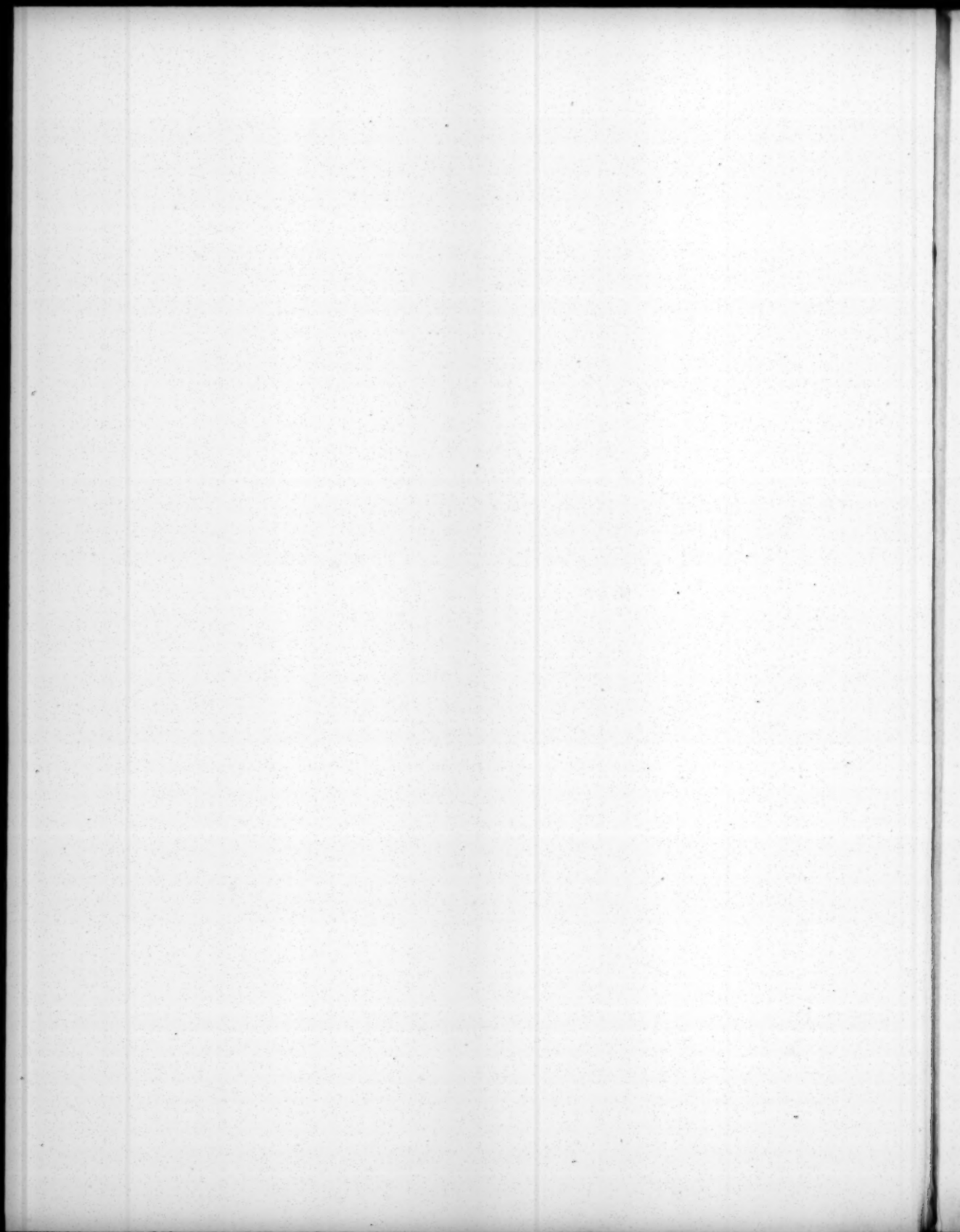
4. This Fort lies more conveniently then any other in the Kingdome for Pinnales, that may upon every occasion make out and hinder the bringing of Armes or Ammunition from Holland or Denmarke.

Subscribed by Lancelot Alured Lieutenant Colonell. George Orme Sergeant Major. Browne Bushell, John Colborne, Richard Medley Captains.

When my Colonell was at Malton with his Forces I was at Scarborough intrusted with the Castle, so that I was not then present to give my opinion for his retreat. At his coming hither there were but eleven barrells of powder in the Castle, one hundred and twelve men, divers of which were for service, not victuals for ten dayes to keepe them, nor any respect of Ordnance mounted within the Castle, and therefore I conceived it necessary for him to retire hither, for supplying all these and other defects.

Subscribed by John Legard Capitaine.

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